


### Strategy Sixteen: Phonics Riddles

By using phonograms, students can change the names of animals to match new definitions. For example: After brainstorming words that end in "ell" students can change elephant to tellephant (an elephant who talks a lot) or sellephant (a super salesman elephant.)

#### EXAMPLE Grades K-1

 **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle. Philomel Books, 1969.

#### BOOKTALK

Imagine how exciting it would be to travel on an adventuresome journey into the life of a caterpillar. It certainly would be interesting to experience all the changes a caterpillar goes through from the time it is hatched from an egg and spins a cocoon until it emerges as a beautiful butterfly. On a beautiful sunny Sunday morning a little egg does hatch and out comes a green fuzzy caterpillar. This caterpillar was very hungry so he ate everything he could find, including cake and pickles. In fact, the caterpillar ate so much that he got a stomachache but before he could spin his cocoon he had to eat something else. Can you guess what it was?

**ACTIVITY** Let's write caterpillar jokes.

1. List words that end in at. (fat, scat, brat, flat, splat, etc.)
2. Choose one word from the list. Example: brat.
3. Tell what the word means. (One who misbehaves.)
4. Write the caterpillar joke.

What do you call a caterpillar that misbehaves?

Answer: A braterpillar

